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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1932 (Thursday) Hunters are barred from all state and federally protected forest land in Jackson, Josephine and southern Douglas counties, foresters said today.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1932 (Friday) Medford merchants report no coffee shortage has developed here as short supplies reported nationally; merchants may have to limit customers to specified amount within two weeks.

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1922 (Sunday) Phoenix, Ariz., man arrested by state police after setting fire to home and two barns in Talent area.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1912 (Monday) Medford retail merchants association votes to back apple show in Medford, elects Louis Ulrich president.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1902 (Wednesday) Crescent City, Calif., representatives arrive here to confer with local group interested in construction of Medford-Crescent City railroad.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Was the prohibition amendment (18th) repealed in 1933, 1934, or 1935? 2. Name the patron saint of Ireland. 3. A motorist drives his automobile 40,000 miles, equally using all five tires, how many miles has each tire traveled? 4. James Naismith of the Springfield Y.M.C.A. invented what popular game? 5. What color is the antithesis of black? 6. In which state is the Erie Canal? 7. Are there a total of 32, 64, or 96 squares on a check-board? 8. In which country was the famous Maginot defense line built before World War II? 9. Bogota is the capital of which South American country? 10. Name the three kinds of bees found in every hive.

Turning The Clock Back

School district reorganization in the United States has made tremendous strides, we note from the results of a study made by the American Association of School Administrators and the Department of Rural Education of the National Education Association.

In 1932 there were 127,649 school districts in the United States. Today there are 36,402. The basic idea behind school district reorganization is to gain efficiency, improve the educational program, and reduce the costs of education.

THE state of Oregon sank its teeth into this problem in 1957 when the legislature enacted the school district reorganization law. The stated objective of the act is to provide a means whereby all areas of each county are to be incorporated in one or more administrative school districts that will maintain and operate a program of education that is extended from grade 1 through grade 12.

County committees are given the responsibility of developing plans for such districts and the actual effecting of such districts is dependent upon approval of the plan by the voters in the area affected.

As a result of the 1957 act 82 reorganized school districts have been established in Oregon. Today in Oregon 77.6 per cent of all pupils attending public schools are in districts that provide education in grades 1 through 12.

BEFORE the 1957 reorganization act and since there has been opposition to it from citizens who want to continue the operation of small schools in Oregon.

There are several reasons that they do. An overriding factor is community pride. In most small communities the center of community life is the school. Without the school there would not be a strong central identity for everybody to tie himself to. Unfortunately, community pride often brushes aside the consideration that should be given to the education of children.

THE people who are opposed to the school district reorganization act have placed an initiative measure on the November election ballot which would repeal the 1957 act. This ballot measure, if approved, would not only replace the present procedure which assures local democratic control of reorganization but would permit dissolving of reorganized districts by a minority of voters.

A Way to Stop Smoking

The American Cancer Society has another grievance against cigarettes. The society had a wheelbarrow full of cigarette butts, 7,300 of them in its exhibit at the Seattle World's Fair to illustrate the amount of smoking a person does at a pack a day for a year. These had been supplied by the Veterans Administration Hospital in New York. After a time, the butts became moldy and had to be thrown out.

To get replacements, the cancer society appealed to the groundskeepers at the fair. Sorry, they said, there isn't any way to separate the butts from the rest of the debris collected from the fairgrounds.

THE society went back to the veterans hospital only to find they had just put water containers in their ash trays and had no way of drying out the cigarettes. The Seattle jails were contacted. Sorry, the prisoners smoke their cigarettes down to the last ash.

Finally, from the University of Washington hospital the society was able to collect enough butts to do the job. A staff member was put to work counting the butts so there would be exactly 7,300.

Probably without realizing it, the Cancer Society has discovered an effective way of curing the cigarette smoking habit. Just put the smoker to counting 7,300 old cigarette butts.—Oregon Statesman.

Thriving Port

The Port of Coos Bay advertises itself as the world's largest lumber shipping port, and the New York Journal of Commerce says it "produces statistics to back its claim." In 1961, 233 ships loaded 894,749 tons of cargo, mostly lumber and logs, at Coos Bay docks. Columbia River ports used to hold first rank, but lumbering has moved south from the Columbia, and Coos Bay is the major shipping port now.

Other developments must come, however, to sustain volume of ocean-borne commerce. Realizing that, the Port has brought in a man as port manager, C. E. Dingler, former manager of the port at Erie, Pa. All of Oregon should be interested in the sound development of its ports because they are the doors open for world trade, in both directions.—Oregon Statesman.

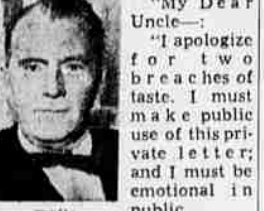
"But Cheer Up—We Hope Soon To Develop The Bomb Which Will Enable Us To Start A Nuclear War"



Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

COPY OF LETTER Washington What follows is a copy of a letter to an uncle who is a plantation owner in the Mississippi delta.



"My Dear Uncle: 'I apologize for two breaches of taste. I must make public use of this private letter; and I must be emotional in public.

"I write about Mississippi. I understand the frustration you and others like you have felt at the self-righteousness of those who have so long instructed you in Mississippi upon a race problem of whose actual conditions—as opposed to theories—they have not had the slightest clue.

"I know of the agonizing effort so long made by you and many like you to balance off these actual conditions against the demands of history. I know, for example, that you yourself refused to use the mechanical cotton picker because it would have destroyed most of the Negro families who made their living from your place.

"I know that some of your most pompous northern detractors have scant concern for those around them—including their colored maids and the public schools to which their own children never go.

"I KNOW how all through the long life of your family in this country—a life stretching back more than 300 years—you and your kind have quietly given what you have had for freedom and order and justice. How you have uncompromisingly died in every one of this country's wars. How your dead in the Confederate armies, in honorable resistance to what you believed to be unconstitutional demands from the Federal Union, have since then been may times matched by the number of your dead who have fallen in defense of the United States as a whole.

"I know that some white men (but not all, not all) are more interested in fishing for votes among northern Negroes than in seeking rights for southern Negroes. I know, moreover, that some of you down there are the targets for something far different from a sole attempt to fulfill the Negro's legal rights. You are being punished for something else—you who have so decently tried to solve your terrible problem in sense and in fairness.

"TO SOME, you are intolerable, not because you have been unjust but because to these the search for equality before the law has become a vengeful thirst to level low all who are guilty of the ultimate crime of not being commonplace.

"I know how you and your kind have stood always and everywhere for ordered justice, sometimes at great cost to yourselves in those hours of passion which will seize other men. I know, too, that when issues are mortally drawn, as between your home state and the federal power, two traditions tear you apart: your tradition to uphold the courts—even when you wholly disagree with them—and your tradition to take your stand with state authority, even though, as in this case, it is certainly not the authority you yourself would have chosen.

"STILL, I know what you do now. You will remember that more than three centuries ago your ancestors brought something called British justice to a then-savage land. You and your kind know that in the end we must accept the decrees of the courts, however wrong we may think them, or else ask anarchy to come in.

"For the last alternative is open conflict with the government of the United States. We had one of those conflicts once, Uncle—but it is all over now. It was all over long before your time or mine, at Appomattox.

"You are a set of moderate men sometimes besieged by extremists at home, and often, by extremists across the Mason-Dixon line. I am afraid you are a dying set of men. But if so, you will die in dignity with the finest epitaph, that you upheld those judgments of constituted authority with which most you disagreed."

West Coast Mercury To Be Near Normal

Washington (UPI)—The Weather Bureau said today temperatures will average below seasonal normals during October in the eastern half of the nation and the southern plains, with the exception and New England and Florida.

Over the remainder of the country, above normal temperatures were predicted, except on the West Coast and Far Southwest, where near to below normal temperatures are expected.



"Some people think this is 1823—the age of muskets and minnie balls, instead of the atomic age. Come to think of it, I wish it were..."

Final Form of Yemeni Government Remains Question, Newsom Notes

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Yemen, a United Press International correspondent once wrote, today is a land plunging headlong into the 19th century. The old imam who then ruled Yemen, legendary land of the Queen of Sheba, had a built-in suspicion of Westerners and so the visit of the American UPI man was a rarity.

What he saw was a feudal land which had changed little in historic times. Tacked on the wall of the imam's palace was the severed hand of a convicted thief. Concubinage and slavery were legal. Adulterers were stoned to death in the desert outside the capital of Sanaa.

4) In 1959, after graft and corruption of some labor officials had been exposed, a labor reform bill was demanded by the public and came up in the Senate for passage. Its purpose was to safeguard the rights of union members from oppressive bossism, protect union funds, and bar criminals and communists from becoming union officials.

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It was a tribal society of Shia Moslems who recognized the Imam as both spiritual and physical leader with unlimited powers of life and death over his subjects. Last month, at the age of 71 the imam died. Whether death came from illness, old battle wounds, sheer exhaustion or just old age was not made clear. At any rate, it came in bed, a fate not reserved for the imam's father or the son who succeeded him.

His father had been machine-gunned to death in 1948. In a 1956 uprising, the imam seized a Bren gun from a palace sentry and shot his way out of his own palace. When the conspiracy collapsed he had two of his own brothers beheaded.

Upon his death, his 35-year-old son, Seif El Islam Mohammed El Badr, succeeded him—that is, until last week. Then the Yemeni radio reported that the new imam also was dead, buried under the rubble of his palace during a bombardment by rebel army forces.

The army proclaimed establishment of a "free Yemeni republic" and announced that Col. Abdullah Alsalal, a former chief of the palace guard, had been named premier and commander in chief. Whether this would be the final form of a new Yemeni government remained to be seen.

Possible Effects In any event, the effects could be far-reaching. Yemen has a population of about four million living in an area the size of South Dakota. Its location at the southwestern corner of the Arabian peninsula gives it control of the entrance to the Red Sea and hence to the Suez Canal.

A neighbor on one side is Saudi Arabia whose royal family is split by a bitter feud, but which certainly would not welcome a successful revolution so close at hand. On the other side is the British protectorate of Aden, headquarters of the British Middle East Command guarding vital oil interests in Iran, Iraq and Kuwait.

In the background is the United Arab Republic of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who supports demands for Aden independence. A line-up between Aden, Yemen and Egypt would be a natural step toward a strategy of Egyptianizing the Red Sea.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS As this is written, there is no news that will blow your hat off. But, in this business, we have to have something for the customer when they pick their papers up off the porch.

So here goes: IT TOOK Sonny Liston two minutes and six seconds the other evening to win the heavyweight crown from Floyd Patterson. It looks today like it might take 18 years to get the tax situation straightened out.

Well, the "take" was considerable. The "live gate," meaning what the 23,197 spectators at Comiskey Park paid to see the 128-second show, came to a total of \$665,020.

But that was peanuts. The total taken in from theater television and other "incillaries" is estimated by the experts to be \$5,705,000—or a grand total of \$6,370,000.

If you're good at figures, you might try finding out how much it came to per second. QUESTION: Suppose back in the 1890's someone had suggested to John L. Sullivan and "Gentleman Jim" Corbett that the time would come when a prize fight lasting two minutes and six seconds would draw a million of SIX AND A THIRD MILLION DOLLARS, what would have happened?

One hesitates even to guess. ANSWER: Suppose that someone had suggested away back in those years that the BIG WINNER in a fight lasting 128 seconds and drawing a gate of more than SIX MILLION DOLLARS would be not the fighters themselves, who took the bruises, but our GOOD OLD UNCLE, what would have been said—by the fighters themselves, the promoters and the public in general? One hesitates to say. ANYWAY, a lot of water has gone under the bridge since those days.

One more question: Where is it going to? Does anyone have an answer ready? BY the way: What's an "ancillary"? An ancillary, according to Mr. Webster, is a "subsidiary, a subordinate, an auxiliary." It is derived from the Greek; in classical days, an ancilla was a female servant. One might add that price fighting isn't all that has come a long way. The vocabulary of the sport writers have traveled quite a distance in the past half century or so.

FOR COMMON MARKET

Warrington, England (UPI)—Foil-takers sampling opinion on the European Common Market said today one group favored British membership "because I think Continental men are just fabulous."